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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Further to the Notice of Appeal filed on January 8, 2003, Applicants submit herewith in the above mentioned patent application a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 and the required fee. Also enclosed herewith is a Petition for a Four-Month Extension of Time and a check in the amount of \$725.00 to cover the required fee. With extension, these documents are due on or before July 8, 2003. This Amendment and Response constitutes the submission required by 37 CFR § 1.114. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-508CON2.

As new counsel of record, the undersigned believe that in previous prosecution, the claims had reached an allowable state, and would be allowed once a terminal disclaimer were filed. In the present submission, applicants include a terminal disclaimer and also amend the claims for clarity purposes. The amendments are presented below and are discussed in detail in the remarks section